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1. ALAIN BRION, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIRECTION DES CARBURANTS, ON APRIL 19 GAVE EMBOFF PRELIMINARY REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S ENERGY MESSAGE BASED ON PRESS REPORTS. (EMBASSY PROVIDING FULL TEXT TO GOF ENERGY OFFICIALS LATER IN DAY). BRION SAID THAT PARTS DEALING WITH DEVELOPING DOMESTIC RESOURCES WOULD BE VERY FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOF. HOWEVER HE SAID THAT ELIMINATION OF IMPORT QUOTAS WAS AN INVITATION FOR A SCRAMBLE FOR OIL IN THE MID- EAST.

- 2. ANALYZING THAT ASPECT, HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION PERFECTLY WELL AS IT MADE EMINENT SENSE FROM THE U. S. POINT OF VIEW. HE SAID MAJOR CONCERN OF U. S. IS TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF DOMESTIC RESOURCES AND HIGHER INTERNATIONAL PRICES WILL BE A STRONG INCENTIVE FOR INVESTMENTS IN THE U. S. BRION ADDED THAT FOR USG IT IS BETTER TO HAVE CRUDE PRICE INCREASES WHICH WILL BE PAID FOR LARGELY BY EUROPE AND JAPAN, OUR INDUSTRIAL COMPETITORS, THAN TO STIMULATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT THROUGH MORE SUBSTANTIAL FISCAL INCENTIVES THAN ALREADY CONTEMPLATED AND HAVE THE U. S. TAXPAYER PAY THE ENTIRE INCENTIVE BILL.
- 3. BRION, CLEARLY SPEAKING FOR MICHEL VAILLAUD, THE DIRECTOR DES CARBURANTS, SAID THAT GOF OFFICIALS WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE USG OFFICIALS WHO MAY BE IN FRANCE OR IN OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL ALL ASPECTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY MESSAGE.
- 4. BECAUSE OF THE LEADING ROLE THE FRENCH ARE PLAYING IN DEVELOPMENT OF A EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY (WE UNDERSTAND NATIONAL EXPERTS MEETING IN BRUSSELS WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY TO HAVE PROJECTS READY FOR EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN MAY), THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT TALKS BETWEEN U. S. AND FRENCH ENERGY OFFICIALS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF U. S. ENERGY OFFICIALS CONTEMPLATING VISITS TO EUROPE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. DECON 12/31/77. IRWIN

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